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1. CONGEN MAY INFORM ATG THAT USG PREPARED ACCEPT SUGGESTION NEXT MEETING TAKE PLACE APRIL 7. USG IS PLEASED TO INVITE GOA TO WASHINGTON FOR UPCOMING ROUND. AS ATG AWARE WE WERE HOPEFUL THAT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF WALDMANN'S FEBRUARY TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS WE COULD SCHEDULE TALKS IN CONJUNCTION THEREWITH BUT THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE BECAUSE

OF GOA COMMITMENTS. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WE TRUST GOA WILL BE ABLE AGREE TO WASHINGTON AS SITE FOR MEETING.

2. FYI. AT THIS TIME WE DO NOT WISH MAKE SPECIFIC COMMITMENT AS TO NON-USER CHARGE ITEMS ON AGENDA FOR TALKS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES OUTSTANDING, WHICH WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH IN A TIME FRAME WHICH WOULD HAVE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAKE ACCOUNT OF OTHER US NEGOTIATING OBLIGATIONS IN REGION.

IF GOA INTENDS TO RAISE THESE ISSUES, ADVISABILITY OF HOLDING MEETING IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE REINFORCED. END FYI.

3. ALSO INFORM ATG THAT SAMUEL EASTMAN, DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION, WOULD LIKE HAVE PURELY TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS REGARDING

FACILITIES PROVIDED AT SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE FOR INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC AIRLINES AND GENERAL AVIATION BEFORE NEXT ROUND OF TALKS. KISSINGER

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